Amendments to the Claims

A detailed list of all claims under examination is set out below. Please amend claim 34 as shown below in marked form:

1. (original): A coated substrate comprising a strippable intermediate coating atop the substrate and a strip agent-permeable waterborne overcoat adhered to the intermediate coating, wherein the dried overcoat is less strippable and more wear-resistant than the dried intermediate coating.

2. (original): A coated substrate according to claim 1, wherein the substrate comprises a floor.

3. (original): A coated substrate according to claim 2, wherein the substrate comprises a resilient flooring material.

4. (original): A coated substrate according to claim 3, wherein the substrate comprises a vinyl or vinyl composite tile.

5. (original): A coated substrate according to claim 1, wherein the substrate comprises a wall, ceiling, label, emblem, sign or vehicle.

6. (original): A coated substrate according to claim 1, wherein the intermediate coating comprises a metal-catalyzed acrylic.

7. (original): A coated substrate according to claim 1, wherein the intermediate coating has a strippability rating of 6 or more on a 7 point scale, corresponding to at least partial strip with softened coating in all areas, using a test strip agent made using a 25% water solution of a concentrate that contained 59% softened water, 6% sodium xylene sulfonate, 4.5% potassium hydroxide, 10% monoethanolamine, 0.2% tetrasodium EDTA, 10% ethylene glycol phenyl ether and 0.05% fluorosurfactant, and a 10 minute standing time.

8. (original): A coated substrate according to claim 1, wherein the intermediate coating has a thickness of about 2.5 to about 75 micrometers.

9. (original): A coated substrate according to claim 1, wherein the overcoat comprises an emulsion, suspension or dispersion.

10. (original): A coated substrate according to claim 1, wherein the overcoat is radiation curable.

11. (original): A coated substrate according to claim 1, wherein the overcoat is UV-curable.

12. (original): A coated substrate according to claim 1, wherein the overcoat comprises an acrylate, urethane or acrylated urethane.

13. (original): A coated substrate according to claim 12, wherein the overcoat comprises an aromatic urethane.

14. (original): A coated substrate according to claim 12, wherein the overcoat comprises an aliphatic polyester urethane.

15. (original): A coated substrate according to claim 1, wherein the overcoat is not metal crosslinked.

16. (original): A coated substrate according to claim 1, wherein the dried overcoat has a strippability rating of 4 or less on a 7 point scale, corresponding to no more than severe chemical attack on the overcoat and the onset of stripping, using a test strip agent made using a 25% water solution of a concentrate that contained 59% softened water, 6% sodium xylene sulfonate, 4.5% potassium hydroxide, 10% monoethanolamine, 0.2% tetrasodium EDTA, 10% ethylene glycol phenyl ether and 0.05% fluorosurfactant, and a 30 minute standing time.

17. (original): A coated substrate according to claim 1, wherein the dried overcoat has a thickness of about 2.5 to about 75 micrometers.

18. (original): A coated substrate according to claim 1, wherein the overcoat comprises two or more different layers of materials.

19. (original): A coated substrate according to claim 1, wherein the substrate comprises a floor and the overcoat is UV curable.

20. (original): A strippable laminate finish kit, comprising one or more containers of a strippable intermediate coating and a strip agent-permeable waterborne overcoat, wherein the dried overcoat adheres to the intermediate coating and is less strippable and more wear resistant than the dried intermediate coating.

21. (original): A strippable laminate finish kit according to claim 20, further comprising a strip agent.

22. (original): A strippable laminate finish kit according to claim 20, wherein the overcoat comprises a one-part photopolymerizable material.

23. (original): A strippable laminate finish kit according to claim 20, wherein the overcoat comprises a UV curable material.

24. (original): A strippable laminate finish kit according to claim 20, wherein the overcoat comprises an acrylate, urethane or acrylated urethane.

25. (original): A strippable laminate finish kit according to claim 20, wherein the overcoat comprises an aromatic urethane.

26. (original): A strippable laminate finish kit according to claim 20, wherein the overcoat comprises an aliphatic polyester urethane.

27. (original): A strippable laminate finish kit according to claim 20, wherein:

a) the intermediate coating has a strippability rating of 6 or more on a 7 point scale, corresponding to at least partial strip with softened coating in all areas, and

b) the overcoat has a strippability rating of 4 or less on a 7 point scale, corresponding to no more than severe chemical attack on the overcoat and the onset of stripping,

using a test strip agent made using a 25% water solution of a concentrate that contained 59% softened water, 6% sodium xylene sulfonate, 4.5% potassium hydroxide, 10% monoethanolamine, 0.2% tetrasodium EDTA, 10% ethylene glycol phenyl ether and 0.05% fluorosurfactant, and a 10 minute standing time.

28. (original): A method for applying a finish to a substrate, comprising:

a) applying to the substrate a strippable intermediate coating;

b) drying the intermediate coating; and

c) applying a strip agent-permeable waterborne overcoat to the intermediate coating;

wherein the dried overcoat adheres to the intermediate coating and is less strippable and more wear resistant than the intermediate coating.

29. (original): A method according to claim 28, wherein the overcoat comprises an emulsion, suspension or dispersion.

30. (original): A method according to claim 28, wherein the overcoat comprises an acrylate, urethane or acrylated urethane.

31. (original): A method according to claim 28, wherein the overcoat is UV curable.

32. (original): A method according to claim 31, wherein the overcoat is applied in two or more coats each of which is UV cured before application of any further coat.

33. (original): A method for removing a multilayer finish, comprising:

a) applying a strip agent to a dried waterborne radiation cured overcoat adhered to a dried intermediate layer atop a substrate;

b) allowing the strip agent to permeate through the overcoat to attack the intermediate layer; and

c) removing the intermediate layer and overcoat without removing substantial portions of the underlying substrate.

34. (currently amended): A method according to claim 33, wherein permeation of the strip agent through the overcoat is enhanced ~~by a~~ by mechanically roughening the overcoat prior to applying the strip agent.

35. (original): A method according to claim 33, wherein removal of the intermediate layer and overcoat occurs in less than 10 minutes after application of the strip agent.